Today's News - Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Ouroussoff offers a hopeful take on two visions for New Orleans. – Mack is back (we miss you!) with her take on the "fleeting opportunity for beauty" for a new I-35W bridge. – Heathcote on London's "far-out pavilions" and why such a "sudden flowering of mini-architecture." – A RIBA exhibition has Dyckhoff declaring: "Wake up, Manhattan"; and RIBA's new president promises change. – That includes RIBA's new role as watchdog. – Big plans to invigorate Montreal's Viger Station. – Hume takes on Dubai: the buildings may be taller, but they'll never match the masterpiece that is CN Tower. - Architects take on a last-ditch effort to halt Belfast's Uster Museum extension plan. – A sleek art center in the works for San Luis Obispo. – Yesterday, we ran the story about Tudor mansions in Taipei; today, we found images (oh joy x 2). – Russell is (mostly) thumbs-up for interior of Boeing's new Dreamliner. – Kamin's people notes: Somol as new director at UIC architecture schoot; Lifson as a Loeb Fellow (one of our faves - congrats!). – "Louis Kahn Dhaka": an eyeful in two volumes (slide show to prove it). – A Goff house in Oklahoma opens its doors. – The architect who shaped Upper Fifth Avenue (no, not that one).

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Two Infusions of Vision to Bolster New Orleans: ...the first truly creative attempts to foster the city's resurrection...the scope and creative ambition of these projects suggest how architecture could someday be vital to the city's physical and social healing. By Nicolai Ouroussoff -- Mayne/Morphosis; Enrique Norten/TEN Arquitectos/Hargreaves Associates/Chan Krieger Sieniewicz [slide show] - New York Times

Op-Ed: A fleeting opportunity for beauty: Top designers could give us something great. But the process is moving fast — maybe too fast. Will the new I-35W bridge be a nondescript span like the one that failed...or will it be a soaring, memorable structure? ...stage seems set for a good design, though not necessarily a great one. By Linda Mack — Calatrava- Minneapolis Star Tribune

Push begins to give I-35W bridge a landmark look: As efforts to bring in a star designer get started, plans to replace the I-35W bridge won't likely be slowed to do so...any starquality design will have to come through the teams of contractors already vying to build the new bridge... -- Santiago Calatrava; Christian Menn- Minneapolis Star Tribune

Delight of London's far-out pavilions: The appearance of an ambitious, radical building next to the Serpentine Gallery...has become one of the most eagerly awaited fixtures in the art year. But it is not alone. By Edwin Heathcote — Olafur Eliasson/Kjetil Thorsen; Make; DSDHA; Alex Haw/ATMOS; David Adjaye; Zaha Hadid- Financial Times (UK)

Wake up, Manhattan: New York's skyline is one of the most distinctive in the world. But the city should stop trading on past glories..."Landscapes of New York" exhibition; RIBA's new president promises change. By Tom Dyckhoff -- Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel; Robert Moses; Jane Jacobs; Koolhaas; Gehry; Foster; Rogers; Nouvel; Piano; Sunand Prasad-The Times (UK)

RIBA plans new role as watchdog: ...to take a leaf out of Cabe's book with plans for a design review panel of 20 leading architects to advise incoming president Sunand Prasad.- BD/Building Design (UK)

Viger Station plan goes to consultation: \$400-million private real estate project city's biggest since Place Ville Marie — Bruce Price (1898); Cardinal Hardy-Arcop; Jerde Partnership- Montreal Gazette

CN Tower topped by Dubai but soars beyond in beauty: New record holder about height for height's sake, while T.O. tower's architect designed masterpiece. By Christopher Hume -- John Andrews- Toronto Star

Final bid to halt Ulster Museum extension plan: More than 200 architects from around the world have joined heritage groups in a last-ditch campaign against the £12 million redevelopment of Belfast's landmark... — Hamilton Architects [image]- BD/Building Design (UK)

San Luis Obispo Art Center unveils new design plan that hinges on modernity: ...will be renovated into a sleek three-story contemporary museum that is set to open in 2011 -- Barcelon & Jang; Fraser Seiple Architects [image]- San Luis Obispo Tribune (California)

Taiwan falls for Tudor England: Lewis & Hickey designs for the Royal Mount development in Taipei will feature 50 Tudor-style mansions [images]- Building (UK)

Big Windows, Better Air: First Look at Boeing's New Dreamliner: Flooded with light as cool and blue as a spa, the interior of Boeing Co.'s new 787 jetliner...tries to soothe the tensions of ticket lines and security checks. By James S. Russell- Bloomberg News

Architecture Notes: Robert Somol new director at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) architecture school; Edward Lifson...is headed for a Loeb Fellowship at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. By Blair Kamin-Chicago Tribune

Book review: Louis Kahn Dhaka by Raymond Meier [slide show]- Wallpaper*

Hidden treasure revealed: The Frank sisters open their family home to lovers of art and

<u>architecture -- Bruce Goff [images]</u>- Sapulpa Daily Herald (Oklahoma)

The Architect Who Shaped Upper Fifth Avenue: There are two names synonymous with the design of luxury apartment houses in the 1920s: Rosario Candela and ... uh ... what's-his-name. That would be J. E. R. Carpenter...- New York Times

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